staff of the Department over which Mr. Achyuta Menon presides has been appointed to audit the accounts of the Co-operative Society ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Mr. Ananthakrishna Ayyar is a certified auditor and a teacher in the commercial school in Trichur. He has since retired.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Nobody else has been appointed to audit the accounts ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to inform the House in view of the serious allegations raised hitherto in the discussions in this House day before yesterday whether the Government will be pleased to ask the Comptroller of Accounts to audit the accounts of the Society from its very inception till now ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: In fact the Assistant Comptroller of Accounts is on the Board.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: The services of two of my auditors have also been requisitioned for checking the accounts of this institution.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ശ്രീധരമേനോനെ ഇപ്പോഴും നോമിനേറ്റ ചെയ്തിരിക്കുകയാണോ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: ബോർഡിലേക്ക നോമിനേറ്റ ചെയ്ത ഒരാളാണ്.

BUS TRAFFIC—KUNNAMKULAM

105. Mrs. K. Joshua *(Women-Trichur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government is aware that Kunnamkulam is an important bus traffic centre;

(*b*) whether there had been any request for a bus-stand and waiting room from the Hon'ble Member for Kunnamkulam;

(*c*) if so, when;

(*d*) why the Government did not take up the idea so far?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) In the year 1116.

(*d*) On financial grounds.

PERSONAL ASSISTANTS TO HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

106. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state,—

(*a*) the number of the posts of Personal Assistants to Departmental Heads in the years 1118 and 1119;

(*b*) whether the Government propose to create some more new posts of Personal Assistants in any of the departments in the State within the next 6 months?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) 1118—4.
1119—5.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know in what all departments Personal Assistants are going to be created ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Only one in the Chief Engineer's Office.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: But the question is "some more". That is the difficulty.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know why the Government has adopted a policy of appointing only Personal Assistants and not creating the posts of Deputy Departmental Heads like the Deputy Commissioner of Police ?

Mr. President: Then the objection is to the name?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Then the Departmental Heads can delegate more powers to these people if they are officers of the status of the Deputy Commissioner of Police. For instance, if a Deputy Chief Engineer is appointed the Chief Engineer can delegate larger powers to him. Will the Government be pleased to keep that idea in mind ?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: The question has not arisen yet. When it is brought before the Government it will be considered.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Now that I have raised it will the Government be pleased to consider it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: But the reference should come from the Heads of Departments if they want such posts.

SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE—RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SALARIES OF MAGISTRATES

107. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what the recommendations of the Special Finance Committee were regarding the salaries of the District Magistrate and Magistrates;

(*b*) whether they will be pleased to state reasons if any for not giving effect to these recommendations as yet;

(*c*) whether they will be pleased to state reasons if any for not raising the salary of the District Magistrate when they were pleased to revise the salaries of Magistrates?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) The Special Finance Committee recommended a salary of Rs. 400-600 to the District Magistrate and Rs. 150-200 to the Magistrates.

(*b*) and (*c*) The pay of the Sub-Magistrates has already been raised and fixed at Rs. 150-200. Consistent with the pay of the other posts to which the District Magistrate can ordinarily aspire for promotion, Government have not considered it necessary to raise the grade of pay of the District Magistrate.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukau)*: May I know, Sir, whether it is the view of the Government that the Special Finance Committee had not the idea that the District Magistrate had chances of promotion as stated in answer to (b) and (c)?

Mr. B. V.K.Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The reasoning of the Special Finance Committee was not accepted

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Am I to take it that the recommendations of the Special Finance Committee had not been accepted by the Government?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The Special Finance Committee's recommendation was not accepted by the Government.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: What exactly was the grade of the District Magistrate?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Rs. 300 to 400.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know the basis of the recommendation of the Special Finance Committee fixing the pay of the District Magistrate at Rs. 400—600.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It is mentioned in the Committee's report which has been published.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthasan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Have they not given reasons why the District Magistrate should be given Rs. 400—600?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: What are these reasons, please?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It is in the report which has been published.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Can it be disclosed on the floor of this House, Sir?

Mr. President. The proceedings of the Special Finance Committee are laid on the table of the House and they are open to every hon'ble member.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: What exactly, Sir, is the relative position of the District Magistrate and the Commissioner of Police as far as their status and their functions are concerned.

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